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Senator to give Murray address

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell will give the keynote address at Murray State University's spring commencement next month, according to The Associated Press. The university reports the longtime Republican U.S. Senator from Kentucky will also receive an honorary doctorate. The commencement is scheduled for May 11.

FFA greenhouse open weekdays

The agriculture education/FFA greenhouse located next to Rocket Arena is open to the public and can be accessed by shoppers by driving behind the school. You do not have to enter through the high school. The greenhouse is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. School officials urge that special attention should be paid when buses pull out in the afternoons.

County offices to close this week

The offices of Crittenden County Clerk, Sheriff and Circuit Clerk will be closed Saturday in conjunction with the annual Backroads Festival. Courthouse offices normally shut down on Saturday will, of course, also be closed for the day. In addition, the circuit clerk's office will be closed Tuesday for conversion to a new accounts receivable program.

County awarded asphalt rehab

More than \$27 million in asphalt rehabilitation projects have been awarded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to 45 counties, including Crittenden County, as the spring construction season gets under way. "Maintaining our roadways is one of the most important responsibilities of the Transportation Cabinet," Kentucky Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said of the 60 rehab projects funded. "Well-maintained roads are safer for motorists. They're also important for economic development and community growth."

In Crittenden County, a 1-mile section of U.S. 60 West



from the Livingston County line to 280 feet west of Davenport Mines Road will be resurfaced. Rogers Group Inc. was awarded the contract for \$106,450. The completion date is slated for Nov. 15. No projects were awarded in Livingston County.

Public meetings

■ Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library.

■ Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena.



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K9 units sniff out pot, gun on CCHS campus

4 seniors, underclassman in violation of school's policies

STAFF REPORT

An unannounced search of the Crittenden County High School parking lot last week led to criminal charges against five students.

The school system will not discuss what type of disciplinary action is being taken by the district.

According to a news release from Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, four students were charged last Thursday by local law enforcement with possession of marijuana and/or drug paraphernalia. A fifth student was charged

with possession of an unlawful weapon on school property. That person, a 17-year-old male, has been charged with a felony. The four drug charges filed against the other students are misdemeanors.

Discovery of the contraband was made during a sweep of vehicles in the parking lot by a trained dog with K9 Resources, a drug and weapons investigative firm that commonly contracts with school systems and businesses.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the drugs found were very small quantities,

most likely for personal use. The gun, a .22-caliber hunting rifle with ammunition, was confiscated as evidence for future court proceedings.

O'Neal said he did not believe the gun was intended for any purpose other than hunting, but commented that it was still a serious violation of Kentucky law and school district policy.

"All of the illegal items were found inside vehicles," Dr. Yarbrough said in the memo released to faculty and staff on the day of the incident. "At no time did a threat exist to student or staff safety. All appropriate district policies and procedures are being adhered to regarding disciplinary action and confidentiality re-

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Backroads Festival welcomes quilters

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

It's Backroads Tour week in Marion and although the official event doesn't kick off until Friday, local tourism leaders say there's already an international flavor to the annual event.

"We've had folks from the Netherlands, the U.K. and France, already," said Susan Alexander, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

Visitors from afar are commonplace during this season, when the lazy country backroads are filled with visitors, largely those spilling over from the annual American Quilters Society Quilt Week in Paducah. The 28th annual show is expected to bring in as many as 30,000 people to McCracken County and western Kentucky.

"The international people come here earlier because they're in Paducah for the whole week," said Michele Edwards, Marion's tourism director.

On Tuesday, several large groups came through town, heading largely toward the Amish community. A group of 35 dined at Marion's downtown Italian restaurant and others were scattered throughout the community, enjoying the spring sites, sounds and

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FIRE CONSUMES RURAL CRITTENDEN COUNTY FAMILY'S HOME, CONTENTS, VEHICLES

Afternoon blaze destroys house, spares family

STAFF REPORT

An afternoon fire last week left a rural Crittenden County family with little more than the clothes on their backs. The April 17 fire at the home of Philip and Julie Wright on A.T. Crider Road just north of Marion is said to have destroyed the home, a truck, a car and a boat parked at the house.

"They were able to throw some clothes out the window," said Naomi Wright, Philip's mother. She added that the garments were saturated with the smell of smoke from the fire and were likely not salvageable.

Crittenden Fire Department Chief Billy Arfack said the origin of the fire was likely electrical, but damage was too extensive to determine a cause. He added that no foul play is suspected.

Julie Wright was reportedly asleep in a recliner when the blaze started at the back of the house in the vicinity of a sunroom, said her mother-in-law. The family's dogs first alerted a caretaker who was at the home with Julie that afternoon. Both women and the pets were able to escape without harm.

For now, the couple is living in a donated trailer moved onto the property temporarily. "They're beginning to get settled in a bit," Naomi Wright said.

A fund has been established for the family at Farmers Bank in Marion.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Volunteers with multiple fire departments help battle a blaze last week that destroyed the home of Philip and Julie Wright on A.T. Crider Road north of Marion. The fire was reported around 3 p.m. April 17 and consumed the house, a boat and two vehicles parked near the structure. No one was injured.

County budgets for insurance, option election

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County will have to stay closer to budget in the coming fiscal year as it has set aside fewer dollars to make ends meet in case something goes wrong.

The county's fiscal year begins July 1. In 2013-14, there will be just \$273,295 in cash reserved for transfers. In the current year, the county had more than \$430,000 for that purpose.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom presented the budget to magistrates last week. Other than budgeting more than \$250,000 for health insurance costs due to mandates by the Obama Administration's Affordable



County budget

Crittenden Fiscal Court has pieced together a \$7.48 million budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 with just \$273,295 in reserves for transfer.

Care Act, the county budget is very similar to last year's spending plan.

"We would have actually had more in reserves this year than last year if it weren't for the added expense of health care insurance," Newcom said. "We have actu-

ally been very frugal with the taxpayers' money."

There are no frills in the proposed budget, Newcom says. And each facet of the county's operation—from road department to jail and administrative offices—must stay on budget because there is no rainy day cash available for overspending.

The county anticipates spending \$1.18 million in the coming year from its general

fund. That is a bit leaner than last year's \$1.27 million budget. Included in the fiscal court's general fund spending plan is \$50,900 for health insurance for primarily courthouse employees. Crittenden County Detention Center, which presented its financial plan last month, expects to pay out from its budget about \$176,000 on medical cover-

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Kentucky auto manufacturing fortunes filtering down to Marion

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Following recent expansions at Ford in Louisville and the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant, an announcement of Toyota's expansion further augments the automotive industry's place in providing Kentuckians with more jobs, including those close to home.

"I certainly think that's possible," Tim Capps, plant manager and director of manufacturing at Par 4 Plastics in Marion, said of the potential need for additional workers.

Toyota's \$360 million expansion to build the Lexus ES 350 will mean 750 jobs for the Georgetown plant, but it will also have ripple effects in the automotive supply industry that will

likely touch Marion.

"We're happy about it," said Capps of automakers' recovery after an abysmal period during the Great Recession. "One of our biggest customers is Toyota."

In 2009, a year into the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, new auto sales in the United States hit a 27-year low of 11.6 million units. That number rebounded to 14.5 million last year, just slightly less than the yearly average since 2000.

"The auto industry is very strong right now," Capps added.

In fact, Capps said plant production is at pre-recession levels. Sales have doubled over the last couple of years and look only to get better for

Par 4, he added

"Every month is an all-time high for us," he said of recent balance sheets.

Auto manufacturing is a top industry in the Commonwealth, according to the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development's website, supporting more than 65,000 jobs. More than 400 automotive-related facilities are located in Kentucky, including Par 4, Tyler Manufacturing Co. and Harminie Enterprises Inc. in Marion, which together employ scores of laborers. Par 4 alone puts 150 people to work around the clock each weekday.

All three facilities produce a variety of parts for multiple automakers, including Ford, GM and Toyota in Kentucky. Capps said headlamps,

taillights and interior trim are just a few of the many assemblies made in Marion for the auto industry.

"We're also making some new parts for electric cars," Capps said of his plant's recent activities.

Over the next few months, Toyota is expected to be doling out specifications to suppliers for its new parts.

Gov. Steve Beshear said the recent Toyota announcement was a vote of confidence for the state.

It will "also afford Kentucky a tremendous opportunity to expand and strengthen its vast supplier base, creating even more growth potential in the future," he said in a news release.

(The Bowling Green Daily News contributed to this story.)

Free Food Distribution Day is Friday at the Crittenden County Assistance Center
Goods will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind the former health department building





EDITORIAL

Dogs not a privilege, but a responsibility

Every canine—from the toy chihuahua to the most massive mastiff—is a descendent of one of nature’s most widely successful predators—Canis lupus, or simply, the wolf. As most know, wolves are viscous pack animals and cunning carnivores. And their DNA still remains in your delicate Shih Tzu or the family-friendly Labrador.

Recent events have born this out. Just last week, a Union County girl was mauled by a pit bull. The 2-year-old suffered severe facial lacerations, but will be OK, The Associated Press reports. The dog, however, was destroyed, and the owner faces criminal charges.

Inside the City of Marion, also recently, it has been reported that a pit bull attacked and critically wounded a neighbor’s toy dog. The smaller animal lived, with hundreds of dollars of veterinary bills agreeably paid by the owner of the pit bull, which was euthanized. Furthermore, in a rural area of Crittenden County, a young child was grabbed by a German shepherd and dragged for a distance. The child, reportedly, was not seriously hurt, but the case could end up in court.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4.5 million people— equivalent to every Kentucky resident—are bitten by dogs each year. These family pets can also take down livestock, kill their feline counterparts and create a nuisance by barking, digging, carting away tools and toys, chewing a neighbor’s mail and generally snooping. We can think of no more loyal animal companion than a dog, but they can still be a confounding problem.

Dogs are a responsibility, not a privilege. They require proper training, care and, importantly, attention. Inside Marion, there exists a leash law requiring owners to keep their animal penned, inside or tethered. According to the CDC, of the 238 deadly dog attacks over the last 20 years, more than 80 percent of the incidents involved unrestrained pets.

Further, some breeds do not belong in the confined spaces a town offers—particularly sizeable, aggressive breeds like pit bulls, Rottweilers, boxers, Dobermans and German shepherds. Particularly, pit bulls and pit mixes—often chosen simply as a trendy accessory—do not fare well being couped up and left largely unattended. They, alone, have been responsible for 47 percent of fatal dog attacks over the last 30 years, according to some reports.

Yet, pit bulls and other dogs having earned a bad reputation can join the collies, beagles and golden retrievers of the world as “the perfect pet.” But it takes work, responsibility and the right set of circumstances. Even border collies—one of the smartest, hardest-working breeds—can be a recipe for disaster. They need lots of attention and challenges, and they view children as merely something else to be herded...not an ideal mix for the urban family.

When it comes to pets, be as selective as you would be when buying your first new car. Learn your breeds. Realize your circumstances and limitations. Kick the tires. Then, when you’ve signed the paperwork, there’s no reason with the proper care that Fido cannot be as reliable as the Buick.

County paving way for future

As we move through April and the beginning of spring, I would like to take this opportunity to bring everyone up to date on some of the business that has been taking place through your office. I refer to this office as yours because it is your office and you have been gracious enough to allow me to work on your behalf and, with your assistance, to help move Crittenden County forward.

The first three months of 2013 have been extremely busy for those of us that comprise your fiscal court. We have had several projects in progress regarding economic development and efforts to continue to improve jobs and road conditions in Crittenden County. You may have noticed a story a few weeks ago in The Crittenden Press revealing that there were several representatives of Crittenden County Economic Development who made a trip to Frankfort to meet with legislators, the governor’s office leadership, and the Commissioner of Agriculture. Discussion included expressions of concern regarding numerous pieces of proposed legislation, the continuation of constructing a four-lane U.S. 641 from Marion to Eddyville and efforts to ensure that Crittenden County be considered as a prime location for any industrial prospects that may result from re-introduction of industrial hemp production in Kentucky.

We have also taken necessary steps to initiate efforts to secure funding for renovating the kitchen of the Senior Citizens Center, for making improvements to the lighting at Marion-Crittenden County Park and renovation of the courthouse heating and cooling systems. I have also been engaged in conversations with area businesses, the Crittenden County Economic Development director and the Crittenden County school system administrators regarding an effort to increase the awareness of various jobs that are available in our area and the educational requirements of securing these jobs.



In the next few paragraphs, I will provide more details regarding these issues.

I would first like to address the issue of industrial hemp. I understand that this has the potential to be a highly controversial issue considering the relation of industrial hemp to that of the illegal crop of marijuana. Even though these are two entirely different crops with entirely different genetics, there is a tendency to consider these crops as identical in purpose. This is not accurate at all, and I would encourage everyone to research the differences and learn of the multiple uses for industrial hemp that are found in products of everyday use. Products include items such as clothing, lotions, plastics, roofing shingles, breakfast cereals and many others.

Many individuals, some of whom are supportive of industrial hemp production and some that are opposed to industrial hemp production, have approached me regarding my opinion on the issue of industrial hemp growth in Kentucky. The one point I want to stress at this time is that, as the judge-executive of Crittenden County, I feel that a part of my job is to make every effort to promote our area for job-producing industries that may present themselves within the legal parameters of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. If industrial hemp is to become a viable crop in Kentucky once again, I believe we have the right and the responsibility to pursue any opportunity for job creation that this production might open for our area.

Another area of improvement that I have been pursuing is the partnership with area industry, business and service leaders to

work in association with the Crittenden County school system to provide opportunities for our young people to witness the job availabilities within our area. All who are involved with this initiative have been extremely supportive of this idea, and it is my hope to have something in place for the next school year.

I want to thank our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, for her support of this program. The principle behind the idea is to have students who are in their third and fourth year of high school who would like to go out to various businesses or industries to witness firsthand the jobs that are available locally and find out the skill sets and educational requirements that are needed to successfully fill these jobs.

In speaking with area employers, I have learned that the largest issue they face is finding qualified employees to fill positions they have open. By giving our young people the opportunity to see firsthand what jobs are available, we hope to provide insight for them to make a more informed decision regarding their plans for post-high school life and the jobs that are available near their home.

A project that also includes our high school students is an effort to design a county logo that will be utilized on all county local government documents and vehicles. Mr. Steve Baker, the art instructor at Crittenden County High School, has allowed his students to research the history of Crittenden County. Through this research students will determine and highlight areas of importance to the county throughout history and depict their findings on a logo. The fiscal court will then determine a winner from the total entries and recognize the design winner publicly.

There has been an opportunity to submit requests for funding through various grant programs this year. One grant that the county has submitted is intended to help address the lighting issues at the Marion-Crit-

tenden County Park ball fields. This grant, if awarded, will help provide funding to upgrade the quickly-deteriorating lights at the fields at the park.

Another grant opportunity to which I have made application is to secure funding that will be used to renovate the kitchen at the Senior Citizens Center. The current kitchen has been utilized for several years now and is beginning to show signs of disrepair and malfunction. If awarded, the funds from this grant will call for the Senior Citizens Center management and board to oversee a renovation effort that will provide more modern equipment that will ensure the center will become more compliant with state guidelines.

I have also initiated a request that the Crittenden County Courthouse be considered for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant to help renovate our heating and air-conditioning systems as well as windows and doors. The current systems have been in place for quite some time now and have been requiring numerous repairs throughout the years. If awarded this funding, we will have recommendations that will guide us in the best uses for the funding with regard to helping conserve energy and provide adequate service.

In closing, I would like to inform you that I now have a Facebook page that will be utilized to keep you informed of upcoming public meetings of interest, road closures and transportation issues and other information that is of public importance. Please look for that page as “Crittenden County Judge Executive.”

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve your needs, and I look forward to seeing or hearing from everyone soon.

(Newcom is in the third year of his first term as Crittenden County Judge-Executive. He was a member of the U.S. Air Force during the Persian Gulf War and is a former Marion business owner. His column appears periodically in this newspaper. He can be reached at 965-5251.)

Prehistoric demon finally exorcised...in 3-D

Is 20 years too long to hold a grudge?

Most in the fields of mental health or spirituality would answer with a resounding, Yes! But then there’s a reason I don’t have a career that affords the prefix of “Dr.” or “Rev.”

For some in the line of genetics that run course through my veins, there is no statute of limitations on grudges, grievances, resentment, bitterness, ill feelings, animosity and the proverbial chip on one’s shoulder.

Since 1993, I’ve carried around a sourness that tinges the back of my throat every time I think of dinosaurs and the film “Jurassic Park.” To understand requires a little back-story.

As a child, instead of playing with plastic army figures and dreaming of whatever the devil normal kids dreamed about, I was obsessed with dinosaurs. Naturally, my knowledge was limited in those pre-Internet days to



mostly encyclopedias—World Book at home and, as an occasional treat, Britannica on family visits to a tolerant aunt and uncle’s house. The D volume in both sets seemed to automatically fall open to the colorful pages of Triceratops, Brontosaurus, Allosaurus and, my favorite, Tyrannosaurus rex.

Only in my imagination could these ancient creatures come to life, outside of the poor visual effects of a man in a rubber suit in the old “Godzilla” films.

But in 1993, Steven Spielberg brought alive Michael Crichton’s novel from three years prior: “Jurassic Park”!

(It was only later that I found out the movie was born from a book. Who would have known?! At 20, I wasn’t much into fiction novels.)

From the first trailer, the first hint of “Jurassic Park,” I was like a cat in a room full of rocking chairs. I couldn’t wait! I was on needles and pins. Would the day ever arrive that I could finally see a T.rex on the silver screen? I felt like a kid waiting for Christmas.

Finally, the June 1993 release date came and brought, salvation...well, almost.

Just out of my teens, there were, admittedly, other things that crept into my mind besides a childhood fascination with dinosaurs—women. So killing two birds with one stone seemed the perfect idea: Take a date to “The!” move of all-time. Surely, she would be as excited as me.

But the best laid plans... The evening started auspiciously enough—dinner and a movie. Not very innova-

tive, but a solid plan nonetheless. I could hardly eat, what, with the nerves of landing a date with this person-to-re-main-unnamed and finally seeing a dinosaur on film that was not brought to life by clayamation.

Cue the lights, the credits and the opening scene. At one moment, I thought I had ascended to heaven. But midway through the flick, about the time Nedry (actor Wayne Knight of Newman fame on “Seinfeld”) got eaten in his Jeep, bliss slipped away.

“She,” as we’ll call her, didn’t feel well. “It’s also late and I want to go home,” declared my movie companion.

“What?! But...?! But...?!” Being the nice guy I once was, I slinked out like a “dead man walking” to his death row sentence. I took “her” home and never saw “Jurassic Park” on the big screen...for 20 years!

For two decades, I’ve been forced to realize a childhood dream on the small screen.

For two decades, I’ve also held a grudge.

That is, until last week. “Jurassic Park” in 3-D! It was heaven returned earth, and perhaps worth the long wait.

Sure, I’m now 40, but childhoods live on. And more importantly, my demon—the grudge—has been exorcized.

A valuable lesson has been learned from this experience as well. When you have a movie you must see, either go it alone or stuff the wallet with an extra \$20. Then, when “she” is tired or doesn’t feel well, simply hand over the cash and enjoy the rest of the film...the cash should cover cab fare to get “her” to the nearest hospital for treatment or motel for a nap.

And men, never let anyone come between you and your T.Rex.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Recent Passion Play moving experience

To the editor

I, my husband, our three children and some of our other family members went to watch the recent Saturday showing of Marion Baptist Church’s Passion Play. It was our first time seeing it.

I want to say that I have never seen something so powerful in my life. We had tears of joy, and then, we also had tears of sadness.

You can read your Bible, but when you are sitting there watching people doing the things that were done to Jesus, it really makes you think about things. We think we are in pain sometimes. I can’t imagine how much pain He went through. I’ll say it again, it was power-

ful.

The members who were in the play were amazing. It touched my heart, and I want to say, if there is anyone who ever doubts Jesus Christ and you find yourself asking, what has He done for me, just walk out your front door, open your eyes wide and look around. Also, remember He gave you life, and you can’t ask for more. That, alone, is worth everything.

Great job, Marion Baptist Church.

Amy Tinsley
Marion, Ky.

CCHS band shines at KMEA ratings

To the editor

While attending the Kentucky Music Educators Association Bowling Green Concert Band Assessment last Friday, I had

the opportunity to hear the Crittenden County High School band perform. I can honestly say it was the most impressive performance by a CCHS band that I have ever heard. It was a very pleasant surprise.

Congratulations to Director Jonathan Nash and the students of the CCHS band on a performance of the highest quality. It was truly deserving of the distinguished ratings awarded by each of the four judges and a testament to the great teaching going on in the band program in Crittenden County.

Mark Benningfield
Lewisport, Ky.

(Editor’s note: Benningfield is band director at Hancock County Schools and the former band director at Crittenden County Schools from 1992 to 1997.)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Crittenden man, 50, facing drug charges

A Crittenden County man was arrested by state police last week on numerous drug-related charges.

Charles Brent Beard, 50, of Marion was arrested April 17 after officers from Kentucky State Police Post 2 in Madisonville executed a search warrant at a residence on Deer Creek Church Road.

Beard was charged with two counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance (unspecified); and one count each of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first offense; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; and knowingly possessing anhydrous ammonia in an improper container.

Anhydrous ammonia, a volatile nitrogen-based fertilizer as exemplified by last week's devastating explosion at a West, Texas, factory that killed more than a dozen people and injured as many as 200, is a critical ingredient in the production of meth.

Beard was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$10,000 bond.



Beard

With three months left in its budgetary cycle, EMS has had net operating revenue of \$333,076 and expenses of \$560,794. Of those costs, wages have been \$318,951.

Although EMS lost nearly \$20,000 last month, it was the second best month of the fiscal year. The ambulance service lost \$10,749 in February, its best month of the year, financially.

County puts road back under system

Magistrates have approved a plan to trigger the formal acceptance of 0.4 miles of Guthrie Browning Road back into the county road system.

By doing so, the road will be subject to county maintenance.

The county currently maintains about 0.1 miles of the road.

Percy Cook, magistrate for the district, said the entire road was once in the county system. In fact, he said it was once part of the Old Fords Ferry Road.

The road serves multiple landowners, Cook said.

EDC gives money to industrial park

Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) has pledged \$12,000 for utilities relocation at the Industrial Park North.

Total cost for utility relocation is about \$75,000 to make way for a new, nearly \$1 million access road into the industrial park. Once the access road is built, with state economic development funds, the Kentucky Department of Highways will build a new maintenance facility there. It plans to move from its current location on Old Morganfield Road to the new site, once it's done.

Electric, sewer and gas lines have to be moved in order to facilitate the project.

The CCEDC owns the land at the industrial park. Terry Bunnell, the group's president, said during a CCEDC meeting last week that it con-

siders the expenditure an investment to improve its own property, making it more attractive to further development.

The North Industrial Park is where the former Tyson chicken operation was located.

State's jobless rate rises to 8 percent

Kentucky's unemployment rate rose to 8 percent in March up slightly from 7.9 percent in February 2013, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET). The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate decreased to 7.6 percent in March 2013 from 7.7 percent in February 2013, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

The preliminary March 2013 jobless rate was 0.2 points below the 8.2 percent rate recorded for the state in March 2012.

In March 2013, Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2.09 million, an increase of 2,709 individuals compared to the previous month. Employment rose by 381, while the number of unemployed people went up by 2,328.

"More people entered the job market in Kentucky in March 2013 looking for work, but unfortunately, some of them were not successful in finding jobs," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "A job opening may go unfilled because the person with the right skill set has not been found. That causes small fluctuations in the unemployment rate as we see in March."

U.S. 641 traffic restricted for work

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet began restricting traffic Wednesday to one lane on U.S. 641 in southern Crittenden County.

This lane restriction is to allow shoulder work along U.S. 641 starting at the Crittenden-Caldwell County line at mile-point 0.0 and working northward to Marion at about the 7-mile marker.

Motorists can expect to en-

counter one lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers between about 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. each weekday. The work is expected to take about a week to complete, weather permitting. Delays are likely during this extensive shoulder work.

Motorists should use appropriate caution where equipment, flaggers and maintenance personnel are along the roadway in close proximity to traffic flow.

LCHS graduation slated for May 17

Graduation is just three weeks away for Livingston Central High School Class of 2013.

According to Jennifer Marshall-Ashley, public relations coordinator for Livingston County Schools, the board of education set the schedule for graduation ceremonies, with the following events held in the high school gymnasium in Smithland starting at 7 p.m.:

- Senior Night: May 16.
- Graduation: May 17.

Class honors and scholarship recipients will be announced in mid-May.

Crittenden County students will graduate a week earlier, with commencement at 6 p.m. May 10 in Rocket Arena.

College tuition hike capped at 3 percent

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education has capped tuition increases at public colleges and universities at 3 percent.

The cap applies to in-state undergraduate students for the upcoming school year.

A statement from the council says it is the smallest average tuition increase for Kentucky public institutions in more than a decade.

Council President Bob King said the board felt that tuition increases should be kept "as minimal as possible" given the "challenging economic environment" that students are facing.

elections.

About half of that would go toward an alcohol referendum, if there is one. It's too early to know whether supporters of countywide alcohol sales will get enough qualified signatures to force the question to a vote this fall. They have until mid-August to gather 971 signatures on their petition.

Otherwise, in the coming fiscal year, there would be only a spring primary election for county offices and state legislative races.

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REAL ESTATE WILL SELL AT NOON

This well kept 3 bedroom brick home with large living room, kitchen, dining area, utility room, 1 1/2 baths, central heat and air, metal roof, one car garage, front stoop, rear deck, good storage building, chain link fenced rear yard. Lot size 100' x 150'. Deed book 199, page 402.

Furniture: Craftmaster living room suite, 2 chairs, maple coffee table, 2 maple lamp tables, oak entertainment center, oak bedroom suite triple dresser, chest, night stand, one contemporary bedroom suite, knee hole 9 drawer desk, book shelf, swivel chair, oak dining table w/6 chairs, 2 oak China cabinets, cherry corner cabinet, cherry jewelry armoire, sewing chair, 4 bar stools, large gold framed mirror, wash stand, floor lamp, table lamps.

Appliances: G.E. refrigerator believed to be 22 cu. ft. w/ice maker, G.E. freezer upright believed to be 17 cu. ft., Maytag Performer washer, G.E. dryer elect., Electrolux Gaurdian vac, Montgomery Ward microwave, Singer sewing machine, Cool Mist humidifier, Electrolux Renaissance vac, 3 fans, small elect. heater, crock pot, Hamilton Beach food processor, H.B. grill, H.B. blender.

Glassware: 8 place setting creative fine China, 8 place setting porcelain China, blue pitcher w/6 glasses, small basket w/lid, pitcher w/4 glasses & platter clear w/gold trim, several pcs. Wexford glassware, glass basket, glass cake cover, glassed metal vase, 4 matching pcs. Glassbake.

Collectibles: #5 crock, 3 gal. beige crock, small crocks, 5 gal. brown churn, 1 gal. B&W crock jug, cast iron tea kettle, 2 cast iron kettles, cream can w/lid, kerosene lamp, red lantern, plate rack w/3 apple plates, blue 5 gal. glass jug, Singer treadle sewing machine (needs work) oak cabinet refinished, hand painted 2 man saw, 9 pcs. Fenton old style glassware, several angels, cast iron bean pot, anniversary clock, 2 carnival glass dogs, milk glass lamp, 8 place setting Wm. Rogers & Son International Silver Co. w/extra pcs., milk glass w/gold trim, goat milk bucket, porcelain dish pan, optic light angel elect., clocks, mirror elect. w/cross dimensional, marble rolling pin, marble cutting board, very unique platter & matching bowl, antique oak magazine rack.

Miscellaneous: 4 drawer file cabinet metal letter size, wooden jewelry boxes portable stereo, luggage, bed liners, sewing supplies, bathroom over the back shelf, B&D porta vac, 2 metal shelves, cannister set, pressure canner, 3 pressure cookers, some club aluminum, several pcs. Tupperware, several pcs. Corning Ware, decorator spoons, some Christmas decor, back massager, neck wrap, professional percussion massager w/heat, 4 patio chairs, settee, roll around cart, shower chair, walker, potty chair, tater box, elect. razors, garden hose, lawn chairs w/cushions, mops, cleaning items.

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BUDGET

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age for employees. Yet another \$23,500 has been allocated in the county's road fund for coverage for road department workers.

Newcom said those premium figures may change because they are based on the county paying 100 percent of employee insurance, and the quotes are several months old. The county has not decided whether it will ask employees to share in the insurance cost. Most private insurance has increased in the last few months, therefore, a new premium quote might reflect higher costs, too, Newcom said.

The Affordable Care Act requires employers with 50 or more workers to provide

some type of medical insurance or pay a penalty. Crittenden Fiscal Court is one of only a small number of government agencies in Kentucky that does not currently provide health insurance for its employees.

But the county is not alone in facing a steep increase in the cost of employee benefits.

The City of Marion, which pays 100 percent of employee premiums for medical coverage and 75 percent of the cost for additional family members on the same policy, expects to pay as much as 20 percent more on health insurance costs in the coming fiscal year as compared to the current year. City Administrator Mark Bryant told Marion City Council members last week the price tag could be as high as \$200,000 for 23 city employees when the new budget

cycle starts July 1.

Just seven years ago, in Bryant's first full fiscal year as Marion's fiscal planner, the city paid approximately \$100,000 for 31 employees, according to Bryant.

Under the new health care law, also known as Obamacare, collective city and county premiums will cost local taxpayers almost a half-million dollars in 2013-14.

Other county costs up

The judge-executive's salary will go up almost eight percent in the coming year—from \$68,170 to \$73,209. As for all constitutionally-elected officers in Kentucky, his pay scale is set by a state formula.

And just in case there is a vote on alcohol sales in Crittenden County, the fiscal court budgeted \$30,000 for

Detention center report

The following is an inmate census of the 133-bed Crittenden County Detention Center as of Monday:

CLASSIFICATION	MALE	FEMALE
Federal	0	1
State	76	11
Crittenden County	14	6
Other counties	3	1
Gender total	93	20
Total population: 112		

Last week, 38 detention center work release inmates put in 1,696 hours of community service, saving taxpayers approximately \$12,296. Trustees were used at the jail, courthouse, county convenience center, PACS office, state and county road department and on mowing and trash crews.

Trusties keep county, non-profit lands mowed, saving thousands

Crittenden County Detention Center saves the county and local non-profit organizations tens of thousands of dollars each year in summer expenses with its mowing crews. Below are the entities for which the crews keep up lawn maintenance:

- Airport
- Fohs Hall
- Lions Club
- Courthouse
- PACS office
- Dog kennels
- Ed-Tech Center
- Victory Gardens
- Extension office

- Detention center
- Crittenden County Public Library
- Historical museum
- Health department
- Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter
- Senior citizens center
- Blackford Walking Trail
- Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum
- Tolu Community Center
- County road department
- Dam 50 Recreational Area
- Emergency operations center
- Marion-Crittenden County Park

SEARCH

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quirements."

K9 Resources is a Cincinnati, Ohio-based firm signed on by the school district last year to conduct sporadic, unannounced searches after a policy of random drug testing of students was deemed ineffective. The sweeps are conducted district-wide both inside and outside buildings.

"It's our obligation to keep our students as safe as possible and K9 Resources has helped us do that," Dr. Yarbrough said.

The current academic year is the first for which the safe and drug-free services of K9

Resources have been used by the school district. But it won't be the last.

"Absolutely," the superintendent said when asked if the firm would be used again next year in place of random drug testing. "We're very pleased."

Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community paid for the first year of services provided by K9 Resources, which cost almost \$10,000.

After several random searches during the school year, last Thursday was the first time K9 Resources made any discovery of items leading to disciplinary action or crim-

inal charges. Once drugs and weapons were identified by the canine unit, local police took charge of the investigation and handled the criminal charges.

The random searches are not even announced to law enforcement beforehand, school officials said.

"It's a great tool for the schools," Chief O'Neal said.

He said last week's incident is regrettable because it means unsafe items were on campus.

"We don't want drugs or weapons at a school," O'Neal added. "I'm glad it was found, but it's unfortunate it was there."



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VICTORIAN HOME...3 BR, 2 BA home in town. Completely remodeled including electric, plumbing, HVAC, floors, walls, doors, ceiling. Original door restored, custom woodwork and much more. Call for your showing today. km

VIEW OF THE SOUTH...3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car garage, kitchen/dining, heat pump, plus more all overlooking the valley. al

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SHADY GROVE...Great starter home w/lot's of possibilities, 2 BR, 1 BA home sits on a corner lot in Shady Grove KY. Home has been remodeled downstairs, has upstairs that has room for 2 more BR. Home has hardwood floors. m/w

QUIET COUNTRY SETTING...3 BR, 2.5 BA brick home, features: 2273 SF. LG eat-in kitchen w/appl. Great room, DR, gas fireplace. Screened back deck, above ground pool & deck, 500 gal propane gas tank, crystal clear well water w/optional County water connection. Stocked fishing pond, woods. dg

GREAT STARTER HOME...located on quiet street in Marion. Features: 2 BR, Living room, Dining Room, basement. jr

CORNER LOT LOCATION...2 BR home on corner lot in Marion. New roof, gazebo. gf

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DCP, ACRE sign-ups under way

It's time to sign up for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). Many producers have not signed up yet, and we are on the downhill for sign-up. If you wish to enroll in Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), you have only until June 3, which is just a little more than a month away. Regular DCP contracts can be taken until Aug. 2, but that will be here before you know it.

I know everyone is busy, but we do not want anyone to miss signing up. Please keep in mind that we will be having a CRP sign-up in May, so this will limit the available staff for helping with DCP sign-up. So, please, do not procrastinate. Call and schedule an appointment, or we would be happy to send the contracts to you if needed.

Laura Kessler

Executive Director
Salem USDA FSA



Around the Farm

CRP sign-up almost here
Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP, general sign-up will be conducted from May 20 to June 14. This sign-up will allow anyone who has an expiring general CRP contract an option to offer the contract back in as well as anyone interested in offering new ground.

We do have an appointment calendar already started for this time frame. If

you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please call or e-mail the office. Anyone interested in offering new ground may also look to sign up.

There are several fact sheets available on the new sign-up at <http://tinyurl.com/ame7srf>. If you are interested in offering your ground, we would recommend that you check out these fact sheets. If you do not have Internet access, these fact sheets are also available in the office.

Acresage reports
We are currently taking acresage reports for any crops that have been planted as well as all grass farms and CRP. As soon as you are finished planting your spring crops, please contact our office, and we

will get your acresage report taken.

Days to remember
■ Wednesday will be the last day for voluntary claims process for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

■ Through Tuesday: The FSA office will be locked out of applications that require changes.

■ Through June 3: ACRE sign-up.

■ Through Aug. 2: DCP sign-up.

■ May 20 to June 14: General CRP sign-up.

(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency county executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties.)

NACD promotes soil, water stewardship week

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Conservation District wants to remind readers that each of us has a connection to natural resources. The National Association of Conservation Districts, or NACD, is celebrating the 58th year of Stewardship Week Sunday through May 5. The 2013 Stewardship Week is themed, "Where does your watershed?"

Brigham Kirk is the chairman of the board of the conservation district, formed to assist people in Crittenden County in the wise use of their natural resources through educational, financial and technical assistance programs.

"Clean water is important to everyone," said NACD President Earl Garber. "Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. They cross county, state and national boundaries. Every inch of the

land on planet Earth is part of a watershed. In the continental U.S., there are 2,100 watersheds; if we include Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico, the count rises to 2,267. No matter where you are right now, you are in a watershed."

Fewer than 1 percent of all of the water on our planet is fresh water. The average citizen in the United States uses 70 gallons of water every day, and this does not include the water it takes to manufacture the automobiles, clothing and food we depend on each and every day.

Take time to learn about your local community water supply sources and volunteer for river, stream or beach clean-up days. You can make a difference.

To find out more about your local watershed, including an app for your

LIVESTOCK REPORT

LEDBETTER AUCTION RESULTS

April 23, 2013
KDA-USDA Market News, Louisville, Ky.
Receipts: 656 head.
Compared to last week: Feeder steers under 500 lbs 1.00-4.00 lower, over 500 lbs 1.00-6.00 higher.
Feeder heifers traded mostly steady. Supply included 44% feeder heifers and 29% of feeders over 600 lbs.
Slaughter cows and bulls steady.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	200-300	265	180.00-191.00	184.02
12	300-400	371	170.00-176.00	171.80
14	400-500	451	152.00-166.00	155.39
29	500-600	540	137.00-150.00	144.85
22	600-700	644	123.00-131.00	128.26
2	600-700	605	141.00	141.00
8	700-800	758	120.00-125.00	120.63
28	700-800	722	131.00	131.00
1	800-900	820	120.00	120.00
5	800-900	813	124.50	124.50

Groups: 28 head 722 lbs 131.00 mbk

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	200-300	267	158.00-177.00	167.27
10	300-400	334	164.00-179.00	175.33
6	400-500	455	127.00-147.00	136.76
18	500-600	572	119.00-134.00	130.56
2	700-800	772	114.00-117.00	115.47
2	800-900	827	95.00	95.00

Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	400-500	472	120.00	120.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
9	300-400	346	147.00-157.00	153.43
47	400-500	450	134.00-145.00	138.92
38	500-600	540	123.00-133.00	128.67
12	500-600	566	134.00-138.00	134.92
21	600-700	651	115.00-123.00	121.82
18	600-700	642	130.00	130.00
4	700-800	721	105.00-110.00	106.23
3	900-1000	966	96.00	96.00

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	500-600	518	101.00-110.00	108.16

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	300-400	377	165.00-170.00	167.25
21	400-500	444	145.00-159.00	150.70
29	500-600	544	130.00-140.00	133.55
5	600-700	634	120.00-124.00	122.07
6	700-800	712	109.00-112.00	111.16
1	800-900	800	103.00	103.00
1	900-1000	930	100.00	100.00


Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-400	347	159.00	159.00
11	400-500	460	130.00-140.00	136.68
10	500-600	568	119.00-129.00	123.22
2	600-700	615	108.00-119.00	113.59
1	700-800	750	100.00	100.00

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-400	315	120.00	120.00
3	500-600	503	96.00-104.00	98.70

Slaughter Cows:

	%Lean	Weight	AD	HD	LD
Breaker	75-80	1210-1535	68-74	77	
Boner	80-85	1110-1640	69-75	79-81	65-69
Lean	85-90	1150-1300	65-73	80	58-63
Lite	85-90				


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Early 2013 Turkey harvests



At left, Dylan Crabtree bagged this gobbler last week in Crittenden County. At center, Kevin Collins took his 25-pound gobbler with a 9 1/2-inch beard and one-inch spurs. At right, Dillon Thweatt joined Tennessee Titans quarterback Jake Locker in harvesting this turkey on a nearby farm last week.

Farmer indicted by feds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Former Kentucky agriculture commissioner and University of Kentucky basketball star Richie Farmer was accused of misusing state funds and abusing his position in a federal indictment unsealed Monday.

The indictment charges him with using his state position from 2004 to 2011 to obtain thousands of dollars' worth of gifts, hotel rooms, clothing and computers. It also alleges he hired friends who did little or no work for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

"Throughout his tenure, Farmer wrongfully used public funds and KDA resources to obtain goods and services for himself and his family," the 13-page indictment said.

Farmer, 43, plans to plead not guilty when he is arraigned Tuesday, attorney J. Guthrie True said. He is charged with four federal felony counts of misappropriating state funds and one count of soliciting goods. The counts carry a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

True said he was disappointed but not surprised by the charges, which they knew were coming for several weeks. He called the federal indictment "a dangerous precedent" saying the issues raised in it are state matters."

Novice gardening class being offered in Crittenden on Tuesday

STAFF REPORT
A basic gardening class will be offered at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Crittenden County Extension Office on U.S. 60 just east of Marion. The class is a combined effort of the Extension Service and the local Pennrylle Allied Community Services office.

Larry Mansfield, Lyon County Extension Master Gardener, will be the instructor. He will cover site preparation, how much to plant, care needed for the growing season and information on diseases, insects and weeds.

All participants will receive a free copy of the University of Kentucky publication Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky. The class is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested in order to have adequate materials. Gardening door prizes will be awarded at the end of the class. Participants can sign up with the Extension Office at 965-5236 or the PACS office at 965-4763.

Women's ag scholarship applications being taken

NEWS RELEASE
Kentucky Women in Agriculture Inc. is accepting scholarship applications from women who are studying agriculture. The deadline for the \$1,000 scholarship is May 25.

This is the sixth year for the KWIA Scholarship, which evolved out of the organization's mission to empower women in agriculture through education, involvement and action. The scholarship will be awarded to a woman who is seeking a degree in agriculture and entering her junior or senior year in college or pursuing a graduate degree.

The successful applicant will demonstrate how the degree being sought will benefit agriculture and her interest in agriculture through an essay. She will also possess a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be a Kentucky resident, attending college in Kentucky.

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‘Kentucky Progress’ notes county’s beauty

How lucky we are that others who came before us loved Crittenden County as much as we do and took the time to appreciate the natural wonders and write down these things of interest. Now, years later, we can have their writings to enjoy and maybe remind us of these beautiful natural sights we have and sometimes forget to appreciate.

Many of the places mentioned in the article are now on private property and aren't accessible to the general public as they used to be. Roads have changed over the years and that also has taken some of the sights off our daily travels.

In 1929, Mr. C.W. Haynes, of Marion, wrote an article titled "Tourists' Attractions in Crittenden County." It was printed in the Kentucky Progress Magazine. Following is the article he wrote, and I've added a few personal notes to help in today's location of the items mentioned.

Kentucky Progress Magazine, 1929

"There are many places in Kentucky worthy of the pen of a master in the description of nature, many views which etch themselves in imperishable loveliness on the heart of the beholder. We do not claim that Crittenden County has more than its due share of these, but the great Creator evidently considered it worthy of a very liberal share of beauty.

"Until a few years ago, there were no roads in the county worthy of the name, and tourists were infrequent. Now, the voting of two county road bond issues has provided sufficient funds to supplement state and federal aid to such an extent as U.S. 60 traverses it from end to end and is completed; (Ky. 91 South) is completed from Princeton to Marion and is now under grade and drain construction from Marion to the Ohio River (Ky. 91 North).

"Other state highways will run from Marion to Providence (Ky. 120), opening up the eastern end of the county; also from Marion to Kuttawa by way of Dycusburg (Ky. 70 and Ky. 295), and from U.S. 60 to the Ohio River at Tolu (Ky 297). The roads already completed, with those soon to be built, will make all parts of the county easily accessible to the tourist and will make it



possible for thousands to view the natural beauties to be found on every hand.

"The tourist entering Crittenden County from the north on U.S. 60 soon realizes that he is in a region more rugged in topography than that through which he has been traveling.

"It is a land of hills, valleys, of rugged picturesque cliffs and pure, everlasting springs of water. The road winds its way up a small, green valley and soon begins to climb the slopes of the hills which have been in sight from away over in Union County and what are typical of the landscape. The average elevation is something over 100 feet higher than that of the counties surrounding Crittenden.

"Wherever the road leads, there are beautiful views of valley and forested hills. One of the best of these is to be seen on U.S. 60, just four miles west of Marion. Here, from the top of Moore Hill, there is to the right a magnificent view of the valley below, a wild region where foxes and wildcats are still found; beyond it stretch the hills and an apparently unbroken forest; to the center is the fertile valley, stretching away toward Salem; and to the left is a long range of hills bordering Claylick Creek.

"Moore Hill got its name from an early pioneer family that moved here and settled on this hill. Robert Moore Jr. and his wife, Nance Tate Brown Moore, moved to Kentucky from North Carolina in 1834 with their family of six children and made their home here. (Helen Moore of Marion is a descendant of this family.)

"Traveling onward west on U.S. 60 into Livingston County one reaches the town of Salem, one of the earliest settlements of western Kentucky and a thriving metropolis 130 years ago. Much of its history and that of the pioneer families of the civility

is contained in the historical novel called "Chronicles of a Kentucky Settlement" by Courtney Watts, all the incidents of which are founded on fact or on long-standing local tradition.

"The new highway to Providence will lead through what has been called the most beautiful section of the county, the far-famed "Piney Bluffs," where nature has built castles of rock to guard the peaceful valleys of Big and Little Piney creeks.

"A favorite place to stop and get a cool drink of water as you travel the road from Marion to Providence would be at the Pickens Springs. Since long before the dawn of civilization, the Pickens Spring, from a beautiful wooded hillside of limestone, has continuously poured forth its clear, cold crystal water. Man, beast and machine all have refreshed themselves from this refreshing water. (The spring is on property owned by Dan Fornear.)

"Four miles east of the Pickens Spring is a lane of cedars, a scene of beauty and grandeur. On either side of the lane, for half-a-mile, there are large cedars growing with their thick spreading branches overlapping each other overhead. Thus, it has stood for the greater part of a century. The man who planted it, perhaps, had no thought of perpetuating his own name, but he did so by planting the cedar trees. The farm was bought in the year 1857 by Thomas A. Smith, and he planted the cedar trees the same year. The farm was always known as Cedar Lane Farm and the Cedar Lane is an evergreen monument to his memory.

"Near the same road, still going east, we come into a vicinity of 10 or 12 high and rocky cliffs, each of them with places of interest, wonder and magnificence.

"Needle's Eye is formed by two sets of large rock formations, one on each side of the road, with only room for a vehicle or wagon to go between. Nearby is the old rock swimming hole where all the locals like to gather on a hot day and take a cool dip in the large deep pool in the Piney Creek. Piney Creek flows to the north; near it are splendid places for outings, and it is noted for its varieties of fish.

"There are many points of historical interest outside



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

One of the most breathtaking scenes located in the northern section of Crittenden County off the Bells Mines Road is the Ohio River (top photo). Unseen by the casual traveler as they drive the old road, and just a short walk from the roadway, this view will greet visitors with one of the most beautiful sights around. One can view the river as it winds its way from Caseyeville in Union County to Cave In Rock, Ill. One news article stated that God must have placed the rocky Piney cliffs in all these different and majestic formations. Hidden away from everyday eyes (at lower left) is just one of the rocky overhangs. When it rains, a beautiful waterfall runs over the top and forms a crystal-clear pool at the bottom. The Needle's Eye (lower right) consists of two giant rocks that form a narrow passage. It had room for only one wagon to travel through when it was used as a roadway.

Marion. Going toward Princeton on (Ky. 91 South), seven miles from Marion and just before crossing over into Caldwell County, is the site of old Centerville, once a thriving frontier village and the county seat of a considerable part of Kentucky, but now entirely disappeared.

"That part of (Ky. 91 North) now being constructed from Marion to the Ohio River will pass through one of the most rugged and most beautiful sections of the county and will terminate at Fords Ferry, a place rich with historical significance. One will pass near the small cavern, known as Murders Cave, on a bluff high above Hurricane Creek, where bandits were known to lure travelers and there murder them and take their wagons and goods.

There and at Cave In Rock, immediately across the river in the bluffs of the Illinois shore, pirates of pioneer days operated and had their strongholds.

"Just above Fords Ferry is located Dam 50, one that the government works erected to make navigation of the river safe from natural hazards. This project was started in June 1924; the purpose of the dam is to ensure a 9-foot boating stage in the river at all season of the year. The dam was completed in the fall of 1928. Hopefully, a state highway will one day join the other branches of the road at Marion. If such a road is built, it will be a big thing for helping bring visitors to the lock and dam site. (Wicket Lock and Dam No. 50 was destroyed on Nov. 6,

1980, for the new high-lift dams at Uniontown and Smithland that were ready for use.)

"Above the dam towers Cotton Patch Hill, one of the best known landmarks of the early river pilots.

"A man who has traveled much over the great West calls this view the "most beautiful natural stretch of country in the United States." It would be impossible, even within the confines of this whole magazine, to describe adequately all of the beauty-spots of Crittenden County.

"Any lover of nature will find here a thousand views and glimpses to warm his heart and remain in his memory a long time."



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Working for a cause

Lilly Perryman and Kenlee McDaniel, both 9, combined their entrepreneurial and humanitarian spirit to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital during a recent yard sale. The girls set up a lemonade stand April 6 at Perryman's Higgins Road residence and raised \$20 for the Memphis children's hospital. They are the daughters of Kelly Perryman and Chad Perryman and Jennifer and Ryan McDaniel.

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Hell on Earth is when man leaves God

Russian novelist, dramatist, historian an Nobel Prize winner Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn in 1963 wrote of the horrors that had befallen the Soviet people, saying, "The main cause of the ruinous revolution that swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than 'Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened.'" Satan has plotted the downfall of everything good God has created and planned. The ungodly mess American culture is in has been plotted from the first moment Christians in Europe were determined to have freedom even at the cost of their lives. Satan has manipulated for the past many years to bring down America because of her Christian heritage which he and many in this nation hates.

From American Minute

The following historical information is paraphrased and quoted from the American Minute historical work of William J. Federer: Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were born on the exact same day, Feb. 12,



1809. One lived to free the slaves, the other one lived to enslave not only the blacks but the rest of the world. Lincoln, in his Gettysburg Address, affirmed all men were created equal as the Bible and the Declaration of Independence agree. Darwin's theory of evolution claims men are not equal, as some are more evolved. This influenced Karl Marx, the father of Communism, who read Darwin's Origin of Species a year after its publication, then read it two years later, writing: "Darwin's book is very important and serves me as a basis in natural selection for the class struggle in history." Darwin influenced Hitler, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, and Mao Tse-tung, whose totali-

tarian regimes killed 210 million of their people and enslaved millions. Lincoln's last act in office was to put on all national coin the motto, "In God We Trust." Darwin's theory has been used to deny a Creator God. Lincoln, the first Republican President, once said: "Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally." In contrast, Darwin wrote in his Descent of Man: "With savages, the weak in body or mind are soon eliminated...We civilized men, on the other hand..build asylums for the imbecile, the maimed and the sick...Thus the weak members propagate their kind. Hardly anyone is so ignorant as to allow his worst animals to breed...Civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world." Darwin's theory influenced Margaret Sanger, who promoted "eugenics" and "forced sterilization" to eliminate inferior races. She founded Planned Parenthood. She wrote "Elimination of 'human weeds'...overrunning the human garden; for the cessation of 'charity' because it prolonged the lives of the unfit; for the segregation of 'morons, misfits, and the mal-adjusted'; and for the sterilization of genetically inferior faces." Sanger advised Nazi Party member Ernst Rudin, father of "racial hygiene," which led to millions dying in the holocaust. Value of human life Wasn't she a piece of work, and the evil Planned Parenthood she birthed? Look at the hell on earth these people brought to millions. Now these men suffer in hell, God's wrath on murderers. It is shocking how many of our so called "educated idiots" want all of this for America, as if they will be exempted from the hell on earth that will come to them and hell after! They need to be reminded of the following truths, brought to light by Federer: These not too distant genocides resulting from an unequal value of

human life, resemble the unequal value in Islamic teachings: that Jews are from apes, Christians are swine and infidel and are worth less than Muslim males --a sharia political system which over 1,400 years contributed to an estimated 180 million enslaved and 270 million deaths. Wake up America Contrary to these dictators of these godless nations, we have had presidents who affirmed that all men were created equal and in God's image, not only Jefferson and Lincoln but Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Ronald Reagan and Woodrow Wilson who said: "The finger of God that moves upon the face of the nations is against every man that plots the nation's downfall or the people's deceit...These men are...groping and staggering in their ignorance to a fearful day of judgment; and...whether one generation witnesses it or not, the glad day...will come in which men will sing by the host of the coming of the Lord in His glory, and all of those will be forgotten -- those little, scheming, contemptible creatures that forgot the image of God and tried to frame men according to the image of the evil one." It would do well for the present "little, scheming, contemptible creatures that forgot the image of God and tried to frame men according to the image of the Evil One," as Wilson said, in the media and Washington and among atheists, communists and homosexuals to remember not only this warning, but the wrath of God already visited on all these in the past that have worked these evil designs on their fellow man. God has sent many wake-up calls lately, but who is wise enough to see "God's hand writing on the wall" as a Babylonian king could testify to and a Godly prophet explained it to him named Daniel? God's promise is still true: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." Psalms 9:17. So wake up America before you are used to destroy yourself.

True believers are never without God’s presence

Today I want to continue our devotional series on the dynamic power of God. We've already looked at the dynamic power of God demonstrated in creation, in the salvation of sinners and in the security of the saints. But once a person is a true believer, how is God's power manifested in their life? In I Corinthians 1:23-24, we read, "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the



power of God, and the wisdom of God." I want to say that neither you nor I am able to live the Christian life without the enabling power of God. But, thankfully, God's power is available to every true be-

liever. As our text verses tell us, Jesus Christ is "the power of God" in the life of the Christian, because every believer is permanently indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God, Who is the power of God in the Christian's life. Because of this Bible truth, no true believer is ever without the power of God needed to live a life pleasing to God. In II Peter 1:3, we see what God has given His children in the way of divine power to live for Him. "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that per-

tain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." This verse tells us that God's power has given us "all things that pertain to life and godliness." Again, we have all we need in Jesus Christ to live pleasing to the Lord. Many times, it's not the devil that causes the backsliding of a child of God, it's actually the failure of the child of God in not submitting themselves to God's Word, not dedicating themselves to God in obedience, and thus, not relying on the power available to them from God. Finally, I want you to see what God desires to grant His children. In Ephesians 3:16, we read, "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." God's desire for you and I as a Christian, is to be "strengthened with might," or in other words, strengthened with His dynamic power. I want you to know that you can experience this power as you submit yourself to God and His Word. As Ephesians 3:20 tells us, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." You and I, as true believers, can indeed live for God in this wicked world because God has given to us the power to do so. You can live for God, and most of the time, the only person who will stop you from living for and pleasing your Lord is you.

Church notes

- Miracle Word Church in Salem will have a revival at 7 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m., Sunday. Bro. Mike Baldock will speak.
- Main Street Missionary Baptist Church will host a revival April 28-May 3. The Sunday service will begin at 11 a.m., and the Sunday evening service will begin at 6 p.m. Services will begin at 7 p.m., Monday-Friday. Bro. Gary Murray will be the speaker.
- Pleasant Hill Church of Regular Baptist will hold its 112th annual May meeting beginning with evening services at 7 p.m., May 3 and 4, and concluding with Sunday School and church 10 a.m., to noon on May 5. The community is invited to attend the services. Traditional songs and hymns will be sung. There will be special music for each service along with congregational hymns. Dinner will follow the Sunday

- service at a local restaurant. Elder H. Wade Paris, D.M., of Missouri, will be the speaker for the services. Dr. Paris has conducted services for the past 10 years at the May meeting. Pleasant Hill Church is located east of Marion off Ky. 120 on Pleasant Hill Church Road.
- Repton Baptist Church in Mattoon hosts Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills 6 p.m., on Sundays in the fellowship hall. The program uses a fun format to teach children in grades first through sixth Bible skills.
- The Caldwell and Lyon County Grief Support Group is held at 2 p.m., every Monday in the Caldwell/Lyon Baptist Association building in Princeton. It offers an educated and trained Christian grief counselor who can guide a person through the initial stages of grief and beyond after the loss of a loved one.

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OBITUARIES

Owen

Rugena Marie Etters Owen, 69, of Paducah, died April 17, 2013, at her home. She was the daughter of the late Gladys Easley Delnagro of Princeton and the late Gene Etters of West Frankfort, Ill., and Gleaford Easley and the late Rugena Stone Easley of Marion.



Owen is survived by two sons, Brett and wife Tammy Owen of Marion and Brent and wife Elizabeth Owen of Marshall County; two daughters, Kelly and husband Bill Johnson of Paducah and Karla Lawrence of Paducah; one brother, Craig and wife Tess Crowder of Tampa, Fla.; one sister, Mary and husband Raymond Giannini of Princeton; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George F. Owen.

Services were Sunday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, with interment in Mapleview Cemetery. (Note: Non-standard obituaries require a nominal fee. Ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)

Scarbrough

Sheila Jean Scarbrough, 49, of Salem, died April 18, 2013, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem. She was a homemaker. Scarbrough is survived by her son, TalyN Lei Scarbrough of Murray; her father, Leon Tabor of Salem; one sister, Sharon Lynch of Fenton, Mo.; and one brother, Eric Tabor of South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jean Dalton Tabor. Cremation was chosen by the family, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Myers Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

Walker

Doyle C. Walker, 91, of Eddyville, died April 21, 2013, in Christian Care Center in Kuttawa. He was a retired science teacher at Crittenden County High School with 35 years of service. He raised and trained horses for riding and was a longtime self-employed farmer. He was a member of Eddyville Church of Christ, where he also served as an elder of the church. Walker is survived by his wife of 67 years, Emma Baker Walker; three sons, Bill Walker of Bentonville, Ark., Don Walker of Benton and Joe Walker of Kuttawa; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Odell Walker of Kuttawa and Ray Walker and Roy Walker, both of El Pasco, Ark.; nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Davis Walker and William Walker; and his parents, Percy Lee Walker and Lena Bell Castleberry Walker. Funeral services were Tuesday at Lakeland Funeral Home Chapel in Eddyville, with Jerie Barber, Andy Walker and Bill Walker officiating. Burial was in Rolling Hills Cemetery in Eddyville. Memorials may be made to: Potters Children's Home, 2350 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101, or Western Kentucky Youth Camp, Youth Camp Road, Marion, KY 42064.



Kukahiko

George E. Kukahiko, 78, of Princeton, and a native of Hawaii, died April 21, 2013, at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., after a short illness. He was a retired educator from Caldwell County schools, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Kukahiko is survived by two sons, Stephen Kukahiko of Princeton and William Kukahiko of Las Vegas; one daughter, Lori Vanover of Madisonville; and four grandchildren, Daniel and Sara Kukahiko, Andrew Vanover and Ann Victoria Stockman. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Willie Sue Huff Kukahiko; his second wife, Mary Sue McCaslin Kukahiko; one daughter, Kim Brinkley; two sisters, Donna Kukahiko and Aileen Miya; and his parents, George and Anna Akuna Kukahiko.

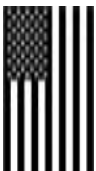
A memorial service is at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Princeton, with Revs. Steve McVay and Russ Davidson officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church. Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to: American Cancer Society, 3140 Parisa Drive, Paducah, KY 42033, or Alive Hospice Inc., 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203.

Bryan

Lawrence Eugene Bryan, 62, of Hampton, died April 21, 2013, at his home. He was a member of United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 11 in Westchester, Ill. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vickie Bryan; three children, Anthony Vick of Hutchison, Kan., Krystal Broderick of Salem and Jamie Bryan of Hampton; two sisters, Ruby Hernandez of Rockdale, Ill., and Mary Helen Hillock of Leesburg, Fla.; two brothers, Ronald Bryan of Lockport, Ill., and Samuel Bryan of Joliet, Ill.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, and his parents, Samuel and Faye Bryan Slagel. A memorial service is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Bryans' home at 707 Tennessee St. in Hampton. Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem is in charge of arrangements.

Watson

Raymond Carter Watson, 81, of Marion, died April 22, 2013, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion. He was a member of Faith Apostolic Church in Princeton, the National Rifle Association and United Auto Workers. He also served in the U.S. Army. Watson is survived by his wife of 47 years, Helen (Williams) Watson; one daughter, Carla and husband Rick Wiggins of Salem; two sons, Stan and wife Angie Watson of Union City, Tenn., and Jeff Watson of Martin, Tenn.; one sister, Helen and husband Lynvil Watson of



Evansville, Ind.; one brother, Paul and wife Earlean Watson of Atlanta; and three grandchildren, Joshua and Victoria Wiggins and Lily Watson. He was preceded in death by one brother, Truman Watson; and his parents, Roy and Vivian Sunderland Watson. Funeral services were Wednesday at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial was in Tyners Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences and memorial contributions may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Estate planning workshop scheduled for May 16 on campus of WKCTC

STAFF REPORT
Medicaid planning, Veteran Administration benefits and cover trust considerations are just a few of the topics to be covered in an estate planning workshop at West Kentucky Community and Technical College on May 16. Instructor Elizabeth A. Wieneke, a Metropolis, Ill., native, is an attorney with Whitlow, Roberts, Houston & Straub in Paducah. Her practice focuses on the areas of es-

tate planning and administration, elder law, real estate and property law and business and corporate law. Wieneke received her jurisprudence doctorate from the Southern Illinois University School of Law in 2007. The workshop will begin at 6 p.m. on the Paducah campus in the Emerging Technology Center, room 140. The cost to attend the workshop is \$10. Call 534-3335 to register.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Marion will conduct a public hearing on the proposed use of LGEA Funds and Municipal Aid Funds in Fiscal Year 2013-14 on Friday, May 3, 2013, at 9 a.m. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at Marion City Hall, 217 S. Main St. in downtown Marion, Ky. For more information, contact the city administrator's office at 965.2266.

We would like to thank the following people that helped our family during the illness and passing of my husband and father of three, Ralph R. Hardin of Burna, KY (1/4/1928-2/11/2013). First of all, thank you to Dr. Wm. E. Barnes, Dr. Ghassan Yazigi and the nursing staff of Livingston Hospital for all their excellent care. Also, thank you to the radiation group at Western Baptist Hospital and to the oncology group at Lourdes Pavilion. Special thanks to Dr. Wm. Skinner, Dr. Mark Brannam and their excellent staff. Thanks to all the friends and neighbors that brought food or helped in any way and all the friends, neighbors that came to the visitation and funeral and for all their prayers, cards and flowers. Finally, thank you to the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors and to members of Salem Baptist Church for the use of their dining facility and to pastors Tim Fouts and Roger Holloman. May God bless you all.

Louise Hardin, Wife, Joel & Ty, Sons, Yvonne, Daughter Sisters, Brothers, grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and All Nephews, Neices & Cousins

Pleasant Hill Church of Regular Baptist will hold its 112th Annual MAY MEETING beginning with evening services at 7 p.m., May 3 and 4, and concluding with Sunday School and Church 10 a.m.- Noon on May 5, 2013.

The community is invited to attend the services. Traditional songs and hymns will be sung. There will be special music for each service along with congregational hymns. Dinner will follow the Sunday Service at a local restaurant. Elder H. Wade Paris, D.M. of Missouri will be the speaker for the services. Dr. Paris has conducted services for the past ten years at the May meeting.

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Guidelines are important for teen parties

With warm weather returning and the end of the school year approaching, teens like to get together and have fun. Does the thought of hosting a party of your teen's friends in your home scare you?

There are ways to plan a party that can be a safe and enjoyable experience.

Your teen may gain a real sense of belonging with his peers from the experience.

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Homenotes

Here are some tips for careful planning:
Work with your teen to

make a list of friends to invite.

Limit the guest list. Consider your financial situation, the size of your home or outdoor space, and your comfort zone with numbers of people around. Large parties can get out of hand.

Make sure there is a clear invitation for your teen to extend. You don't want the word to get out that the party is an open house for

all.

Decide beforehand when the party will begin and end. Put that information in the invitation.

Help your teen plan the party activities. Will there be a movie, dancing or just hanging out?

Be clear that alcohol or other drugs are not allowed. Do not permit teens to bring beverages in.

Tell your teen that any

guests caught with illegal substances will be asked to leave. You will have to call their parents.

Be sure you plan to be home during the party. However, keep a distance from the party most of the time.

You may want to make an appearance now and then with refreshments, or to greet guests.

Think about inviting an-

other parent to co-host the party with you. That person can be helpful with preparations. She may also know some of the teens you don't know.

With these considerations for a teen party, everything should turn out well.

Enjoy the event yourself and the increased bond you will likely build with your teen.



Tinsley-Perryman

Mr. and Mrs. William Glen Tinsley of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Tinsley, to Todd Allie Perryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ted Perryman of Tolu.

Miss Tinsley is the granddaughter of Raymond and Sheila Russell of Salem and Ray and Pat McCord of Newburgh, Ind., and Bill and Jane Tinsley of Marion.

She is a 2011 graduate of Crittenden County High School and attends Union Baptist Church. She is employed by Crittenden

County Early Head Start.

Perryman is the grandson of the late Eldo and "Cookie" Todd of Tolu, and Linda and the late Ken Perryman of Marion. He is a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2010 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College. He is a member of Tolu United Methodist Church and is employed by Farmers Bank and Trust Company.

The wedding will take place at 4 p.m., May 11 at CCW Hunting Lodge in Marion.

Woman's Club receives first-place recognition

STAFF REPORT

Woman's Club of Marion received several honors at the 118th annual state convention held April 11-13 at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, putting them in some elite company.

Twenty-five clubs in the state were recognized at the annual awards banquet for achieving 100 percent or more in the scorecard competition. Twenty-one of these were 100 percent, one received 105 percent and three, including the local club, earned 110 percent.

Nancy Hunt, president of the local club, represented Marion in the processional and accepted the 110-percent certificate.

Woman's Club of Marion received first-place recognition in membership for small clubs. In 2012, the club gained seven new members. Susan Alexander coordinated the state membership program, which gained 70 new members and two clubs under her direction.

The Marion club earned

third-place honors for Home Life Community Service partnerships, Leadership and their Press Book.

In the Arts & Crafts competition, Judith Ann Manley won first place in basket weaving and second place in jewelry.

Madison O'Dell, a student at Crittenden County Middle School, won first place in the state student short story competition. The title of her entry was "A Vacation to Remember."

The names of Helen Lewis and Mary Lou Chipps, both local members who passed away in 2012, were included in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Kentucky Memorial Service.

Highlights of the convention included programs provided by Deb Strahanoski, GFWC treasurer; Eleanor Jordan, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Women; and Jan Watson, author of the book "Appalachian Women."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Susan Alexander, (left), president-elect of General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kentucky, and Peggy Barnes, current state president are pictured following the annual awards banquet earlier this month at the state meeting in Louisville. Both Alexander and Barnes were recognized for 25 years of membership. The Woman's Club of Marion was recognized as one of only three clubs in the state to receive 110-percent of the scorecard competition.

4-H Aerospace Camp to be held on June 4

STAFF REPORT

Have you ever wanted to fly a plane? Build a rocket? Now is the time to discover the thrill and magic of flight.

The 4-H Aerospace/Aviation Camp is an opportunity for middle and high school youth to experience the joy, thrill and magic of flight. Learn the principles of flight, the basics of navigation, do some stargazing and learn how ancient mariners could tell their lo-

cation on the earth by the stars.

Learn about lift, thrust, gravity and drag, plan and conduct a flight, and log your first flight with a certified flight instructor.

As a part of new and exciting curriculum adopted by 4-H, Aerospace/Aviation Camp will be held June 4 at the Hopkins County Extension Office and the Madisonville Airport.

Registration must be re-

ceived by May 15.

Middle and high school participants will build rockets of several types, learn about the history of navigation, the principles of flight, weather and careers in aviation.

The 4-Hers will take to the air under the direction of a certified flight instructor, and actually pilot an airplane.

The pilot project was partially funded by the

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board through an endowment established with the Kentucky 4-H Foundation.

The cost of this program is \$99 and includes camp fees, aircraft rental and a t-shirt. Campers must provide their own transportation.

For more information or to register, contact Crittenden County Extension Service at 965-5236.

Community CALENDAR

- Thursday, April 25**
- Widowed Persons Support will meet at 11 a.m., at Echo Charlie's, located at Eddy Creek Marina in Lyon County.
- Friday, April 26**
- The Woman's Club of Marion will hold a Quilt Show from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., at the Woman's Club building on Carlisle Street. Individuals wishing to participate in the show may drop off a quilt from 9 -10 a.m. The show is open to the public.
- Saturday, April 27**
- The Backroads Quilt Show will be held at Marion Commons in the City Council Chambers. Quilts may be entered from 8:30-9:30 a.m., that morning. The show will be open for viewing from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. Quilts may be picked up from 3 to 3:30 p.m.
- Friday April 26-27**
- A Dog Gone Good Lunch will be offered at the Marion Welcome Center during the Backroad's Festival. Lunch includes BBQ sandwich, chips, fruit and cookies for \$5. To pre-order call 545-7089 or 965-2006. Proceeds benefit the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.
- Tuesday, May 7**
- Bigham Lodge No. 256 F&AM will have stated communication at the Lodge located on Sturgis Road. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to following at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 31**
- The 2013 Relay for Life will be held at the Marion-Crittenden County Park.
- Saturday, June 1**
- Free Shred Day will be sponsored by Farmers Bank and Trust Company from 9 a.m., to noon on West Carlisle Street between the bank and the courthouse. During this time, 4-H club members will also be collecting aluminum cans near the same location.
- On-going**
- Project Graduation Class of 2013 is now selling Little Caesars pizza kits for a limited time. Please contact any member of the 2013 graduating class or a parent of a graduating senior to purchase your Little Caesars pizza kit.



CCES names spelling bee winners

STAFF REPORT

Three Livingston County students recently were initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

The following students were granted an achievement for being inducted into the Honor Society: Benjamin Linzy, a history major from Salem; Weston Jones, a sports medicine major from Smithland; and Teri Kimbro, a telecommunications major from Grand Rivers.

Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The Society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors.

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Operation Second Chance helps local troops

STAFF REPORT

A dream to help America's troops that began two years ago for 18-year-old Michigan resident Brodie Cooper finally became a reality this month, culminating April 14 in Fredonia.

After a breast cancer awareness assembly at Belding High School in Belding, Mich., Cooper decided to reach out to her community and raise awareness for United States servicemen and women. The journey would eventually see her dream to fruition, although it would culminate by taking the teen 560 miles away from her home to the western Kentucky town of just 420 people.

Beginning a year ago, Cooper raised \$500 within her school for Operation Second Chance. By further reaching out to the community and local businesses, Cooper surpassed her goal of \$1,000. With the added support, Cooper raised more than \$1,500 and another \$400 for her travel fund, allowing her to personally deliver the donation to her program of choice.

"I'm proud to say I'm from Belding, because it didn't matter how financially strained people were, they still managed to donate, and that warms my heart," said



Cooper

Cooper, a self-proclaimed Army "brat" born and raised in Germany. She ties her passion for the project to her father, Robert, whose military career is in psychological operations.

Searching for programs on Google, Cooper reached out to several different organizations, but Ron Raboud of Apopka, Fla., stood out. Sharing a love for hunting as well as dedication to the program, Cooper made her decision to honor Raboud's organization with her donation.

Coin drives and bake sales, as well as donations from her home of only 5,700 residents allowed Cooper to donate to the program Wounded Warrior Outdoors (WWO), a non-profit organization exclusively founded to provide wounded servicemen and women with therapeutic outdoor adventures across North America, according to the program's website. The organization provides active duty troops in transition the chance to be in the wilderness location of their choice. The WWO program is directly linked to three major army medical centers—Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C., Naval Medical Center San Diego and Brooke Army Medical Center near San Antonio.



Raboud



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Angie Prowell (above), of Fredonia, talks with Brodie Cooper (left) and Ron Raboud, who paired to give wounded military personnel a chance to hunt turkeys in western Kentucky. Marine Jeremiah "Monty" Montel (at right) howls with his post-traumatic stress disorder service dog that senses anxiety attacks.

Recently, some of those recovering soldiers chosen by WWO elected to travel to western Kentucky to continue their therapy during turkey season, many hunting on local farms. Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church played host to the meeting of Raboud and Cooper, as well as the soldiers attending the hunt. The participants were from the naval medical center in San Diego and were mostly marines selected by their doctors to participate in the motivational program.

"Meeting the participants was an amazing experience," said Cooper. "Some are mentally or physically wounded but still manage to continue their life with a smile on their face."

Donations like Cooper's allow taxidermists to mount the turkeys taken by the soldiers on their hunts.

WWO is a volunteer organization and does no advertising whatsoever in order to keep from exploiting those involved.

"The support of communities like this is phenomenal



for us. The state of Kentucky provided complementary hunting licenses, landowners granted hunting permission, and churches like this volunteered to feed the men," Raboud said of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. "It's a huge help and greatly reduces our spending."

Besides turkey and deer hunting in Kentucky, the WWO offers bear hunting in British Columbia, Canada, and fishing and rafting in Alaska and Maine. Anyone can assist the program or sign up to receive newsletters by visiting WoundedWarriorOutdoors.com or e-mailing director Raboud at Ron@WoundedWarriorOutdoors.com.

Visiting Artist provides sounds of new beat

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Imagine experiencing different parts of the world just by listening to music. That's how audiences describe Princeton musician Dan Granstaff's performances—a mixture of East Indian, Australian and Mediterranean influences performed improvisationally.

As part of the Visiting Artists program sponsored by Crittenden County Board of Education's Crosswalk Learning Center, middle and high school students got the opportunity to both watch and perform with Grandstaff during his visit April 17 at Rocket Arena.

Granstaff enjoys coloring outside the lines with music and the spontaneity it brings, using both traditional instruments, such as a guitar or harp, and non-traditional objects such as a pizza box or a coffee cup.

"I like to create in the moment," Granstaff said. "The true inspiration is a gift from God. He's the most creative being in the universe."



Dan Granstaff enjoys creating spontaneity with music. He also enjoys audience participation in his shows, as eighth-grader Dustin Kirk plays the drums during the Visiting Artists program held April 17 at Rocket Arena.

want to play and then think non-conventional. Take something that everybody's doing and put a different twist on it and go beyond the norm. That's what I've tried to do with the guitar," he said.

Last week was Granstaff's second visit to the local school district. Crosswalk coordinator Cheryl Burks said last year's appearance was so popular with students, Granstaff was asked

to return.

His appearance follows that of author Tom White, who spoke with students in March about his book "Ad-

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MPD holds Take Back
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STAFF REPORT

On Saturday, Marion Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its sixth opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft. The Take Back event allows residents to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Unwanted prescriptions can be dropped off for disposal 10 a.m.—2 p.m., at Marion Police Department located at Marion Commons on South Main Street. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 244 tons of prescription drugs at more than 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its five previous Take Back events, DEA

and its partners gathered more than 2 million pounds of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisoning and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and environmental hazards.

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RECREATION
Benefit Wiffle Ball

There will be a benefit Wiffle Ball tournament next month to benefit the Jake Hodge Memorial Foundation. The tournament will be held May 31 through June 2 at Princeton's Little Busch Stadium. Entry fee is \$350 per team. However, teams are encouraged to raise as much as possible through the use of sponsors. Teams will consist of nine to 12 players. For more information visit online at LittleBuschStadium.com.

GOLF

Boosters host tourney

Crittenden County's high school golf boosters are hosting their fifth annual 4-Person Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 4. Register by calling 704-0955.

BASKETBALL

Team selling pork chops

Crittenden County Lady Rocket Basketball will be selling pork chop sandwiches at the Farmers Market in Marion May 4. Sandwiches are \$3 each. Drinks will also be available for \$1 apiece. Pre-order for your family or business by calling 704-0447.

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Archery shoot at Eddyville

Lyon County Archery Club will host a National Archery in Schools Program benefit 3D shoot starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 4 at Eddyville's Lee Jones Park. Cost is \$10 per shooter. Those under 7 shoot free. There will be 30 targets in a forest setting. This is for any bow and any age. Call 704-6306 for more information.

BASEBALL



2 among Titans for title

Crittenden County's Hunter Boone and Gavin Dickerson (above) played with the Tri-County Titans baseball team out of Princeton in winning the 12-under division at the Battle of the Bats BPA Baseball Tournament last weekend at Elizabethtown (Ky.) Sports Park.

Bobcats claim 2nd place

Marion Bobcats finished second in the 9-under division at the Battle of the Bats BPA Baseball Tournament last weekend at Elizabethtown (Ky.) Sports Park. Local players on the team are Tanner Beverly, Ian Ellington and Ben Evans of Marion and Hunter Hopper of Sturgis. The team beat Hendersonville (Tenn.), the No. 1 seed in the tournament, on Sunday, and then knocked off St. Matthews of Louisville, a team that won the Cal Ripkin State Championship last year. The Owensboro Blue Sox beat Marion 8-4 in the championship game. The Bobcats are currently ranked No. 3 in Kentucky BPA.

Hill signs to play ball at Brescia

STAFF REPORT

After two arm surgeries following a football injury during his sophomore year, Ethan Hill changed gears.

Shifting his focus from football to basketball turned out to be a key decision for the Crittenden County High School student who signed a letter of intent last week to play collegiate basketball at Brescia University in Owensboro.

Hill, 18, is completing his senior year at CCHS and says playing college ball is among his greatest ambitions.

There was a time when his athletic career was in jeopardy. A severe elbow injury suffered during a football game at Fulton two years ago left him with three broken bones in his arm and tendon damage. It ended his football career, and turned his focus to basketball.

His high school coach, Denis Hodge, says Hill worked tremendously hard between his junior and senior seasons and morphed himself into an attractive basketball player.

He caught the attention of Brescia's first-year coach Josh Gipson, who had been an assistant at Murray State two years ago during the Racers NCAA run.

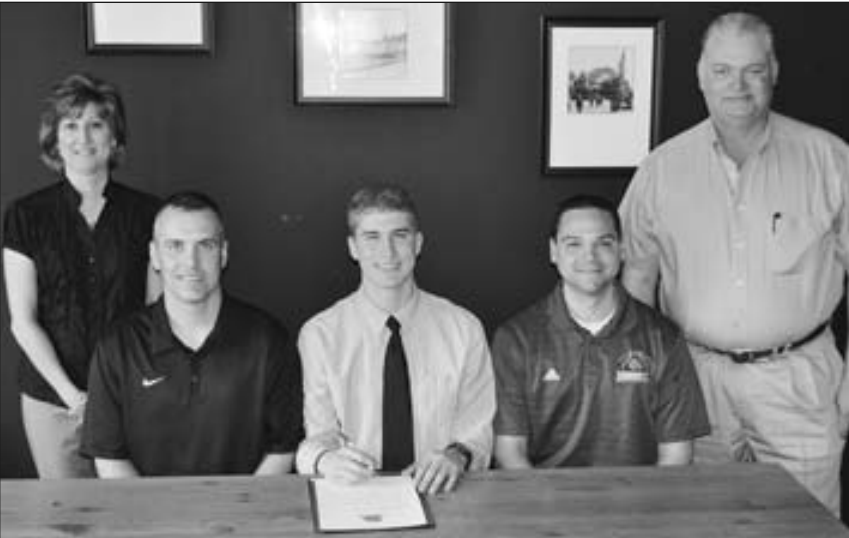
Gipson said his team didn't have a true point guard last season and thinks Hill and a couple of other recruits will help fill that void.

"We wanted to bring in guys who are used to having the ball in their hands," Gipson said during the official signing ceremony for Hill last week in Marion.

Hill averaged 13 points and four rebounds his senior season at CCHS. He led the team with 65 assists. The last half of the season he scored 18 or more points nine times.

"I really didn't take basketball seriously until after my injury," Hill admits. He missed his entire sophomore season, then averaged eight points as a junior, scoring in double figures four times.

"He worked all summer with coach (Matt) McMain and continued to improve," Hodge said. "Now, he ends up with a college scholarship."



On the day he signed to play basketball at Brescia University, Ethan Hill (seated center) was flanked by his (from left) his mother Marty Hill, CCHS basketball coach Denis Hodge, Brescia coach Josh Gipson and his father Stephen Hill.

Hill is also an excellent student with a 22 on the ACT and a 3.5 GPA.

For Hill, playing in nearby Owens-

boro has plenty of positives. His parents are just a short drive away and his sister and brother-in-law live in Owensboro.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Crittenden's Erin McDonald takes the baton from teammate Taylor Johnson during a relay race.

BASEBALL

Rockets are 2-0 in district play

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Webster 5, Crittenden 0

Webster County senior Brennen Pritchett tossed a two-hitter to stymie the Rockets in the semifinal round of the Touchstone All A Classic last Tuesday, April 16.

The Trojans led 1-0 before putting it away with four runs over the fourth and fifth innings.

Taylor Champion and Dylan Hollis had the Rockets' only two hits, both singles. Pritchett walked just two and struck out four.

Devin Belt went the distance for Crittenden, walking two, allowing eight hits and striking out five.

Webster went on to win the Class A tournament, beating University Heights 6-4 for the title at Dawson Springs.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Here are Crittenden County track



PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS

Crittenden's middle school baseball team tied Trigg in one game and lost the second of a doubleheader on Monday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Pictured above is pitcher Clay Croft and (at top) baserunner Will Tolly.

and field results from the April 16 Ballard Memorial All Comers meet. Results are for local athletes only.

GIRLS

3200 Relay 3. Crittenden (13:26.55) M.Sitar, A.Schnittker, J.McConnell, A.Tabor
100 Hurdles 2. M.McDowell (20.4)
100 Meters 27. N.Hutchings (16.2)
800 Relay 5. Crittenden (2:10.49) M.McDowell, N.Shuecraft, E.McDonald, T.Johnson
1600 Meters 9. M.Sitar (6:33.50), 21. A.Tabor, 22. M.Mink, 24. K.Graham, 25. A.Sitar
400 Relay 5. Crittenden (1:00.42) N.Shuecraft, T.Johnson, M.McDowell, E.McDonald
400 Meters 13. N.Shuecraft (1:16.58), 17. N.Hutchings
300 Hurdles 1. M.McDowell (58.4)
800 Meters 4. M.Sitar (2:58.49), 15. A.Tabor, 16. A.Sitar, 19. K.Graham, 22. M.Mink
200 Meters 23. N.Hutchings (34.52)
3200 Meters 4. A.Schnittker (15:31.88), 8. J.McConnell
1600 Relay 2. Crittenden (5:23.83) E.McDonald, T.Johnson, M.Sitar, N.Shuecraft
Long Jump 8. T.Johnson (11-10), K.Gibson
Triple Jump 7. E.McDonald (23-11), 9. K.Gibson
Discus 8. K.Gibson (45-01), 15. K.Graham, 17. C.Burris
Shot 12. K.Graham (16-02), 13. C.Burris

BOYS

3200 Relay 8. Crittenden (10:56.46) D.Watson, J.Berry, J.Graham, D. Paris
110 Hurdles 3. D.Wagoner (19.8)
100 Meters 12. L.Wallace (11.99), 14. C.Asbridge, 19. Z.Tinsley

800 Relay 5. Crittenden (1:40.54)
1600 Meters 14. J.Graham (5:59.14), 22. K.Hill, 23. J.Berry, 30. W.Grimes, 31. T.Steele
400 Relay 4. Crittenden (47.96) N.Dickerson, C.Asbridge, L.Wallace, Z. Tinsley, 7. D.Wagoner, D.Hicks, N.Burnett, N.Hadfield
400 Meters 8. D.Roberts (58.18), 9. D.Watson, 20. N.Burnett
300 Hurdles 2. D.Wagoner (50.49), D.Hicks
800 Meters 15. J.Graham (2:40.52), 23. J.Suggs, 24. S.Frazer, 25. D.Bricken, 26. W.Grimes, 28. T.Steele
200 Meters 11. N.Dickerson (25.15), 15. L.Wallace, 20. A.Yates
3200 Meters 6. D.Paris (13:27.46), 11. J.Berry
1600 Relay 2. Crittenden (4:01.14) D.Roberts, D.Watson, D.Hicks, Z.Tinsley, 7. J.Graham, N.Hadfield, D.Bricken, N.Burnett
Long Jump 4. A.Yates (17-04), 10. C.Asbridge, 15. D.Patton
Triple Jump 5. D.Patton (34-00), 7. A.Yates
Discus 6. D.Wagoner (98-05), 21 N.Hadfield, 23. S.Zahrte, 28. S.Frazer
Shot 6. N.Hadfield (31-04), 18. S.Zahrte, 25. S.Frazer, 26. T.Young

SOFTBALL

The Lady Rockets were blanked in three straight games Saturday at Marshall County's Round Robin Tournament. Crittenden's girls (2-10) were shutout 9-0 by St. Mary, 13-0 by Marshall County and 18-0 by Christian County in the one-day event.

The Lady Rockets' 12-under softball team won the WKBSA Tournament at Reidland Saturday. The team was 4-1, winning two elimination games against the Reidland bandits. Crittenden scored 66 runs in five games. Players are Chaylee Wolf, Ellie Smith, Emmie Smith, Hannah Cooksey, Jaycee Driver, Brandey Book, Jaylin Blackburn, Jenna Potter, Kirsten Deboe, Kenlee Perryman and coaches are Stephen Smith, Billy Deboe and Randy Book.



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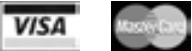
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Melissa Guill, Clerk

Crittenden District Court (11-42-c)

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The Crittenden County Board of Education invites you to submit a sealed bid for pest control and trash pickup for the 2013-2014 school year. Bids will be received at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064, attention Vanessa Shewcraft. Please submit sealed bids by May 9, 2013 at 2 p.m., at which time they will be opened. Any interested party may attend; however, no immediate decisions will be made. Successful bidders will receive notification after the May 28 board meeting. Please contact Vanessa Shewcraft with any questions by phone at (270) 965-2281. (11-42-c)

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Leukemia survivor Thompson ready for Relay

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Kelsey Thompson said it's always special to participate in Relay for Life. Thompson, a Marion resident, said this year she plans on participating with the team from her congregation at Marion Baptist Church. This year's Relay for Life event will be overnight beginning May 31 at the Marion-Crittenden County Park.

In 1998, Thompson was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia. She was 9 years old at the time of the diagnosis and was admitted to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. for treatment.

"It was very scary. I didn't really know how to react to it, Thompson recalls. "Once we got to Vanderbilt, they had a child life specialist come in and thoroughly go over what

was happening to me and why I was sick. She was using a diagram to explain to me what was going on inside my body. I think at the time I was in shock. At that time, I'm sure I t h o u g h t leukemia was just like a cold...I would be in the hospital a few days, and I then would be back to normal. But that wasn't the case."

After undergoing different treatment procedures, Thompson eventually received a bone marrow transplant in 2000.

"It was from an unrelated donor. I was an 8-out-of-10 match," she said "I didn't know who the donor was. And



Thompson



ACS turns 100

The American Cancer Society celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. The 2013 ACS Relay for Life in Crittenden County this year will be May 31, starting that Friday evening and carrying over into Saturday morning.

we couldn't find out until a year after my transplant just in case anything would have happened."

Thompson's family communicated with the donor a year after the transplant and

Thompson herself eventually had the opportunity to communicate via e-mail.

The big surprise came two years after her transplant operation. She said arrangements had been made for her to meet the donor in person atop the Empire State Building in New York City. Later, the donor attended Thompson's high school graduation.

"It was very exciting. I met and hugged her and thanked her for helping save my life," Thompson said of the first meeting with her donor.

Nearly 15 years after the original diagnosis, Thompson now works in administrative offices at the American Cancer Society in Paducah. She enjoys her work there and said she has the opportunity to interact with and meet individuals who are currently receiving cancer treatments.

Don't Fry Day aimed at skin cancer awareness

STAFF REPORT

Joan Lang of the Kentucky Cancer Program wants people to start thinking about sun safety. Toward that effort, on May 24, the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention will promote Don't Fry Day.

The purpose is to educate the public on skin protection by reducing the chances of burning their skin, avoiding tanning and tanning beds, applying sunscreen, checking the UV Index and getting Vitamin D safely through a diet that includes supplements and food rich in Vitamin D.

Victory Gardens get lots of support

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Chris McDonald, pastor of Life in Christ Church in Marion, shared information on the Victory Gardens at last Thursday's Inter-Agency Council meeting at the Crittenden County Extension Office. The Victory Gardens are located behind Shopko in Marion. Land used for the gardens is leased from the City of Marion.

McDonald said last year, 16 gardens were planted. This year 28 gardens—each 1,200 square feet—will be planted on 42 acres. McDonald said the goal is to maximize every inch of acreage.

Plans also call for seven acres of sweet corn to be planted this year along with a variety of other produce. Once fruits and vegetables are ready to harvest, McDonald said distribution will be daily, Monday through Friday. Hours will be determined at a later date. McDonald said there aren't any income guidelines to receive produce from the garden.

About 20 community churches help coordinate the Victory Gardens. Last year, local farm stores donated all the plants and seed for the gardens.

"It was the worst year possible to have a garden, and we had an abundance of vegetables," McDonald said at the meeting.

The pastor also credited the hard work put forth by inmates from the detention center. He said last year, female inmates worked eight-hour days, five days a week and provided a combined 300 hours per week of labor. McDonald said the gardens are a good way to be involved with the community and for churches to be involved together. He thanked local businesses for their donations of seed and plants.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has awarded a grant for a hoop greenhouse to be constructed which will help extend the growing season at the Victory Gardens.

McDonald also spoke about food assistance pro-



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Fifth-grade student council representatives and teacher Sara Omer recently presented Robbie Kirk, one of the organizers of the Victory Gardens, with a check for \$1,000 raised by the elementary school during the month of March. The money will be used to purchase a golf cart with a bed to haul vegetables such as watermelons and sweet corn planted on the plots on property leased from the City of Marion.

grams offered by Life in Christ Church. For the last couple of years, the church has supplemented an existing food program with donated meat for hamburger. He said the church reached out to local producers and currently works with about 50 partners who donate cattle for the program.

The church also has a Hand-Up Paper Box Ministry geared primarily toward at-risk, low-income senior citizens facing crisis situations who are 60 years of age or older. Seniors are provided toiletry and personal care items. Individuals can contact Life in Christ Church for more information.

Officials want 641 to stay on course

Contingent heads to Frankfort Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

County leaders are heading to Frankfort Wednesday with a message about the new U.S. 641. They plan on asking state transportation officials to remain on course with the original plans for a four-lane highway from Marion to Eddyville.

Phase 1 of the highway plan is under construction in Crittenden County right now, but little has been done to guarantee that Phase 2 will be completed in the near future.

Local leaders believe they must be proactive in getting assurances that the second leg of the road will be built as originally conceived—to Exit 4 on the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway or to Interstate 24 in Lyon County.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said last week that he has gathered letters supporting com-

pletion of the road to I-24 or the parkway near Eddyville from other county leaders in Webster, Henderson and Union counties. He also said county judges from Lyon and Caldwell will be joining the Crittenden County contingent to Frankfort next week.

They plan to meet with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock, who is from Princeton.

There has been some speculation that the highway could be taken to Princeton along the current Ky. 91 corridor. Local leaders are adamantly opposed to such a plan.

"Hopefully, we will make an impression on them and maybe we will get this thing speeded up. It seems like it's slowed to a snail's pace right now," Newcom told other county leaders at last week's meeting of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corp.



Newcom

USDA begins tracking livestock

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

The federal government has launched a new livestock identification program to help agriculture officials quickly track livestock in cases of disease.

It is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's second attempt at implementing such a system, which officials say is critical to keeping the nation's food supply secure. An earlier, voluntary program failed because of widespread opposition among farmers and ranchers who described it as a costly hassle that didn't help control disease.

The new tracking system is big news in Kentucky, a state that is home to more cattle—about 2.2 million head reported in 2011—than any state east of the Mississippi River. There are

15,600 head of cattle alone in Crittenden County.

There has been talk for years among consumer advocates about establishing a program that would trace food from farm to plate. The livestock identification system doesn't go that far and isn't meant to. Its main goal is to track animals' movements so agriculture and health officials can quickly establish quarantines and take other steps to prevent the spread of disease.

Michael Doyle, director of the University of Georgia's Center for Food Safety, said livestock identification also helps investigators determine the source of disease—and whether it happened naturally or if someone tampered with

the food system.

"Identify the farm from which it originated, which can help you identify the source," Doyle said, adding, "Did it come in from the feed? Was it intentional?"

The new program is mandatory. It applies only to animals being shipped across state lines, however, and it gives states flexibility in deciding how animals will be identified

While the program covers a range of livestock, much of the focus has been on cattle. That's partly because aggressive programs to fight diseases such as sheep scabies have already resulted in widespread identification of those animals, said Neil Hammerschmidt, APHIS' animal disease traceability program manager.

Grand jury indicts 2 on multiple charges

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted two individuals on various criminal charges when it convened on April 11 at the courthouse. Those indicted were:

■ Kevin R. Rushing, 28, of Marion, was indicted in two separate cases. In the first case, the indictment was for theft of an auto, operating on a suspended or revoked license and first-offense DUI. Those charges stem from an investigation on March 19 by Crittenden County Deputy Greg Rushing following the report of a stolen vehicle from a Sheridan residence. The suspect was later found off Deer Creek Church Road. After taking the vehicle, investigators believe he abandoned it, then broke into a cabin near Sheridan and stole some camouflage clothing, which he was wearing when apprehended nearby. The police report says Rushing told officers he had shot up methamphetamine prior to taking the 1998 Ford Contour from a private residence.

The second indictment also stems from the same incident. The charge is second-degree burglary, which was filed by Kentucky State Trooper Darron Holliman, for the alleged cabin burglary.

■ Corey M. Winn, 27, of Marion, was indicted on 12 counts of second-degree possession of a forged instrument, all Class D felonies. The charges stem from an investigation by the Marion Police Department regarding checks forged on a woman's bank account between Feb. 15 and 19. The checks, amounting to a total of \$928.54, were written for cash at two locations in Marion. The amounts ranged from \$13.54 to \$125.

Traffic fatalities down 46 in 2013			
Kentucky State Police report five deaths in five crashes on the state's roadways from April 15 to Sunday.			
2013 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2012	ALCOHOL RELATED	
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local fare.

One such group was riding on two church buses pulling trailers. "They pull their trailers because they never have enough room on the buses for what they buy at the Amish," said Edwards.

Plants are the biggest draw right now, she said, but the bakeries do well, too.

Also drawing visitors this week are the following:

- Welcome Center Quilt Show: Located inside the Welcome Center at Marion Commons on South Main Street.
- Woman's Club Quilt Show and Bake Sale: Friday at the club's headquarters on East Carlisle Street.
- Backroads Quilt Show: Saturday at Marion City Hall.
- Amish Market and Craft Bazaar: Friday and Saturday at the Welcome Center and Marion Commons.
- Native American Quilt Show: 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 318 Sturgis Road.
- Christian Church Quilt Show: 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 211 W. Belleville St. Features food, entertainment and games.
- Self-guided tours of the Amish community: Maps are available at the welcome center and "buggy signs" along the

roadside point out the route.

- Antique shops, local eateries, Crittenden County Historical Museum and Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum will also be open to welcome visitors.

Marion Tourism Commission sponsors the Backroads Festival, probably the biggest organized drawing card for the community all year, said Edwards.

"It truly brings in people from outside of the community. There's a big influx of people from all over," she said.

She urges the community to put on its best face and welcome the guests who will be in town the rest of this week and weekend.

Information on the festival and related events can be found at the Welcome Center or at MarionKentucky.org.

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